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The city has ordered an election to vote on the proposition for septile tanks. See full notice in The Message.

The Legislature passed a law against carrying revolvers. You must be an officer of the law if you want to tote a gun.

Read the notice elsewhere in the Message for the school election in Mexico district April 3rd. See if you favor the district voting away part of its territory on the south.

The Grand Jury went on record as favoring a new jail. They made a good suggestion to the County Court. Ah, well, the county will build a new jail one of these times not far away.

Profs. Robert Campbell and E. E. Rich are to have charge of the Mexico Boy Scout movement this summer. The Scout boys will be heard from in good works and deeds this summer.

May 1 to May 6 will be "Baby Week" in Mexico. The day will be observed in cities and towns thruout the country. The object is the betterment of the health and general surroundings of the babies.

The Federated Clubs of Mexico have voted to offer prizes to the boys and girls who grow the best home gardens this summer. Three dollars the first prize and two dollars the second prize. Now, boys and girls, go to it.

The Troy Free Press has increased its subscription price from one dollar to \$1.50 per year. The high price of paper is forcing newspapers here and there all over the country to either reduce the size of their sheets or increase the subscription price.

Miss Eva Miller will be the secretary for Judge W. W. Fry, who is attorney and a director of the Federal Bank in St. Louis. She took up her duties this week and is to get \$100 per month. Miss Miller has been book keeper for Phillips here for several years and is a very worthy and capable young woman.

We understand that L. R. Torreyson, son of Mrs. Bettie Torreyson of Laddonia, who with his family about two years ago moved from a farm north of Thompson to St. Paul, Kan., is to return to good old Missouri in a few months. He has traded his Kansas farm for a farm near Troy, Mo. The Message is glad to have this good family come back.

The Missouri Military Academy is an institution of which all Mexico is justly proud. The management of the school is all right, and the cadets this year are the best bunch of fellows that ever came to town. Many of our home boys might profit by their example in manners and good morals. The Academy is all right.

The Grand Jury recommends that "shade trees" be planted in the front yard at the County Infirmary. What kind of trees, we wonder? Maple and elm? We hope not. Let's plant something there that will not only make "shade" but will bear something—nuts or fruit. If nothing better can be done, put it all in walnuts. But there's the hickorynut and pecan and others. Let the trees be worth something for fruitage and wood as well as for looks and mere shade.

Automobile manufacturers of the United States do not suppose allowing a serious matter, such as a railway traffic congestion, or a railroad strike at any time, to interfere with their business, if they can help it. When the big freight-tie-up first began to look formidable, automobile makers faced a prospective loss running into many millions of dollars, because, apparently, they could not secure deliveries. Not until then did it occur to them that, if an automobile was worth anything at all, it should be able to deliver itself. And now what is known to the trade as the "drive-away" has been inaugurated. The cars leave the factory and arrive at their destination under their own power. A drove of 62 cars was recently sent from Cleveland to Chicago in this way. It is expected that the "drive-away" will become a fashionable thing during the coming summer. As it is already from St. Louis, Mo., to Mexico, Mo.

Harry Hawes wants to be United States Senator from Missouri, it is said. Harry, we are against you.

Bradley B. Huff, formerly of Mexico, son of Rev. Wm. Huff, now of Moberly, died suddenly in Jefferson City Sunday. He was editor of the Daily Dope column in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Mr. Huff was but 29 years old and was a very promising young man.

Dr. M. P. Ravenal, at the head of Preventive Medicine in Missouri University, delivered an important address before the ladies of the Federated Clubs at the Mexico Public Library Saturday afternoon. He dealt in only proven facts of medicine and let theories go to the winds. There are some diseases that can be prevented. Malaria destroyed Greece and Rome. But we know in these times what to do with malaria. Contagious diseases can be handled also. He said nothing about the prevention of grippe. We believe he has no "specific" remedy. He did advise that you shouldn't sneeze in your neighbor's face nor allow him to sneeze in yours. A sneeze is merely a spray and is as bad as a gob. Dr. Ravenal is doing a great work and says things that make you think.

**FORREST BRANSTETTER.**

Forrest Branstetter was born July 9, 1874, and passed away March 16, 1917, making him 42 years, 8 months and 8 days of age.

He was converted and joined the Presbyterian Church at Mt. Olivet in January, 1891, where he held his membership until September last when he moved to Columbia where he with his wife and daughter united with the Christian Church, at which time his two sons professed Christ and also joined, making it one united family in Christ. He spent all but the last few months of his life on the old homestead of his father, where he established a character of honesty and uprightness, was an earnest worker in his church, both at Mt. Olivet and Columbia, never letting anything stand between him and his duty to God.

In 1895 he was married to Della R. Oglesby. To this union were born three children—one daughter, Lera, and two sons, Rupert and Richard, all of whom are here.

He was a kind and loving husband and father, never leaving any kindness undone that was in his power to perform.

Besides his family he leaves an aged mother, three sisters and three brothers and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

Such is a brief reference to a life that was lived among us and which will long be remembered by many. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Wimmell, of Bowling Green at the Christian church at Vandalla Sunday, at one o'clock p. m. It was an able discourse, holding up the thought of better living for us all, so that when our time shall come it may be said that we never shirked our duty.

Then will come the Master. When work stops at set of sun, saying, as He pays the wages, "Good and faithful one, well done."

**TRIAL CONTINUED.**

The case of Solomon Fox, charged with second-degree murder for the killing of A. R. Critchfield here last fall, was brought before the Circuit Court this week. He plead not guilty and the case was set for the June term of court.

A letter from our old friend Josiah Martin, at Garlington, Okla., among other things, says: "It is very dry here. No rain and very little snow all winter. My family and I have not been well. We went to a Sanitarium at Delhart, Texas, recently for treatment. Feel that we are all better now."

The Message has a letter from Frank B. Baldwin, at Durango, Colo. He says they had a very mild, open winter out there until Dec. 20th, 1916. Since then seven feet seven inches of snow has fallen. Trains have been blocked on the range most a week, "and it is still blowing 10-15 feet."

P. C. Ackerman at Hoxie, Kansas, writes us this word of cheer: "Enclosed find one dollar for your valued paper. It is sure a Message from home." Mr. Ackerman says they had a dry, open winter, and the prospects for wheat are not very flattering.

Miss Ethel Isgrig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Isgrig of this city, is a gifted artist. We were shown some of her work the other day. We would like to see her find work on one of the metropolitan newspapers.

Rev. I. M. Turnage and family of this city are arranging to move to Wellsville.

**Wilson Calls Extra Session April 2**

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Following is President Wilson's proclamation calling the Congress into extra session April 2 to receive a communication concerning "grave question of national policy."

"Whereas, public interests require that the Congress of the United States should be convened in extra session at 12 o'clock noon, on the second day of April, 1917, to receive a communication by the executive on grave questions of national policy, which should be taken immediately under consideration.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and declare that an extraordinary occasion requires the Congress of the United States to convene in extra session at the Capitol in the City of Washington on the second of April, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, of which all persons who shall at the time be entitled to act as members thereof are hereby required to take notice.

"Given under my hand and the seal of the United States of America, the 21st day of March, in the year of our Lord, One thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States the 141st."

Washington D. C., March 20.—It is understood the President was careful not to indicate the extent to which he was influenced by the views of his intimate counselors; that Congress, the war-making power, should be summoned to Washington at once. But this view was so general and so strong the President, it is believed, could not have been indifferent to it.

In response to a request from newspaper men, one of the officials of the White House asked the President if he would see the waiting correspondents and tell them something about the Cabinet meeting. The President asked to be excused, saying he might talk with the newspapermen for an hour and be unable to say anything more than that every phase of the international situation was discussed.

While the adjournment of the Cabinet did not bring any announcement of the outcome of the consideration given by the President and his advisers to the momentous questions affecting the nation, there were evidences immediately following the meeting of war activities in several departments of the Government.

Secretary Daniels went from the Cabinet room to a session of the General Board of the Navy to discuss strategic plans for the better protection of American merchant vessels while passing through the sea areas barred by Germany. Secretary McAdoo called a meeting of the officials of the Government War Risk Bureau, at which it was decided to make more liberal arrangements for insuring ships and cargoes.

Hereafter all contraband except munitions of war will be insured by the Government, an indication the administration has determined it should help the Entente Allies wherever it is possible to do so without overstepping the bounds of neutrality. To-night the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are at their desks consulting with their subordinates over plans for meeting the expected emergencies.

**THE R. R. STRIKE OFF:**

**MEN WIN \$13,000,000**  
An Associated Press dispatch from New York dated March 19, among other things says:

With the nation-wide railroad strike averted and the Adamson Act declared constitutional, the controversy that has raged between the railroads and their employees for nearly a year over the question of hours and wages today passed into history.

Appealed to by the President's mediators to yield on the grounds of patriotism to the demands of the employees, the railroads just before day-break today consented to an agreement whereby the employees receive the eight-hour basic work day and prorata for overtime, the same as that provided by the Adamson law. Several hours later the United States Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Adamson act, and what the brotherhoods had already obtained by their threat to call a nation-wide strike at 7 o'clock tonight the Supreme Court legally assured to them by its decree.

All that remains is to decide how much back pay the employees are entitled to, inasmuch as the agreement signed by both sides and the Adamson law provide that the operation of the new wage and hour schedule shall be retroactive beginning January 1. The brotherhoods and the railroad managers will consult on this matter tomorrow to decide how it will be computed. It is estimated the employees have between \$12,000,000 and \$13,000,000 coming to them.



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000 and \$13,000,000 coming to them.

The brotherhood chiefs were in a happy mood to-day as they dispatched telegrams calling off the strike. They had not won all they had asked from the railroads when they first presented their demands on March 30, 1916, having lost the time and a half for overtime feature, but they had secured what they agreed to take last August when they accepted the Adamson Law's provisions and which the railroads fought in the courts.

J. A. Reighley, four miles southwest of Mexico, has sold his farm to Jake Feger and is advertising a big public sale for Thursday, March 29. See full notice in The Message. Mr. Reighley gets a farm near Houton, Texas, and may move to the Lone Star State.

Dr. J. C. Edwards, 90 years old, of O'Fallon, Mo., is the guest of his sister in this city, Mrs. S. M. Edwards.

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